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SUBJECT: UNCLASSIFIED LOS SUMMARY WEEK ENDING JULY 5, 1974

1. SUMMARY: GENERAL DEBATE BEGAN JUNE 28 CONTINUING THROUGH WEEK AND PROBABLY NEXT. PRESIDENT NIXONS MESSAGE TO CONFERENCE READ BY CONFERENCE PRESIDENT AT START OF DEBATE. GENERAL TENOR OF STATEMENTS WAS SUBSTANTIVE REVIEW OF POSITIONS WITH EXCEPTION OF CHINESE AND ALBANIAN ATTACKS ON "SUPERPOWERS" PRINCIPALLY USSR "HEGEMONY" OF OCEAN RESOURCES. NUMBER OF STATEMENTS EMPHASIZED INTER RELATIONSHIP VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF ACCEPTABLE PACKAGE WITH NORWAY PROVIDING DETAILED PROPOSED LIST USSR AND UK BOTH INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS 200 MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. USSR STRESSED PACKAGE INCLUDING 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, FREE TRANSIT THROUGH STRAITS, FREEDOM OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND OBLIGATION TO PERMIT FOREIGN
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FISHING FOR STOCKS NOT FULLY UTILIZED BY COSTAL STATE. UK

LIKewise NOTED NECESSARY BALANCE OF OBLIGATIONS AND TREATY RULES PROTECTING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION. PRELIMINARY ORGANIZING WORK MAIN COMMITTEES PROCEEDING PARALLEL GENERAL DEBATE. END SUMMARY.

2. EXCERPTS DEBATE STATEMENTS, NORWAY IN REVIEW ALL MAJOR ELEMENTS OF NEGOTIATION EMPHASIZED THREAT TO MARINE ENVIRONMENT, POTENTIAL CONFLICT OVER RESOURCES AND OUTLINED PACKAGE APPROACH TO AGREEMENT INCLUDING A) 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA, B) INNOCENT PASSAGE IN TERRITORIAL SEA, C) SPECIAL REGIME OF UNIMPEDED

PASSAGE IN STRAITS, D) ESTABLISHMENT OF ECONOMIC ZONE UP TO 200 MILES WITH SOVEREIGN RIGHTS OVER RENEWABLE AND NON-RENEWABLE NATURAL RESOURCES, WITH FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND OVERFLIGHT, E) RETENTION OF CONTINENTAL SHELF CONCEPT F) RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL RIGHTS OF ARCHIPELAGO STATES TOGETHER WITH RIGHTS OF INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION THRU SUCH WATERS, G) SPECIFIC PROVISIONS ON MARINE POLLUTION, I) ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIME AND MACHINERY FOR DEEP SEABED, J) HIGH SEAS REGIME INSURING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION AND DEALING WITH RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ASPECTS OF RESOURCES, K) PRINCIPLES GOVERNING ACCESS TO SEA FOR LANDLOCKED STATES AND RELATED PROBLEMS.

3. ECONOMIC ZONE: IN ADDITION TO UK, USSR STATEMENTS REFERENCES TO ECONOMIC ZONE INDICATED SOME MOVEMENT IN DIRECTION OBLIGATIONS WITHIN ZONE ESPECIALLY RE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION. REFERENCE TO FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION IN BRAZILIAN STATEMENT INDICATES SOME SHIFT FROM FULL 200 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA CLAIMS. INDIA ENDORSED COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER SEABED OF THE CONTINENTAL MARGIN BEYOND 200 MILES WITH REVENUE SHARING FROM THIS AREA. UK ALSO SUPPORTED RIGHTS TO SUBMERGED RESOURCES TO EDGE OF MARGIN AND 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT ON STRAITS. CHILE STATED ADOPTION OF 12 MILE TERRITORIAL SEA AND ECONOMIC ZONE MUST BE DONE TOGETHER.

4. STRAITS AND NAVIGATION: INDIA, COSTA RICA, NICARAGUA AMONG OTHERS REFERRED TO MAINTENANCE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION. POLAND AND CZECH ALSO STRESSED UNIMPEDED TRANSIT THROUGH STRAITS. EGYPT EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL STRAITS TO MAINTAINING FLOW OF COMMUNICATIONS, TRADE, AND EXPRESSED VIEW THAT EXISTING AND FORTHCOMING STRAITS PROPOSALS WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION.

5. DEEP SEABED: CAMEROON (CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE ONE OF SEABED REGIME)
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MADE SPECIAL APPEAL TO MAJOR POWERS ON SEABED REGIME. LDC STATEMENTS INCLUDING INDIA EMPHASIZED DIRECT EXPLOITATION OF RESOURCES BY SEABED AUTHORITY AND NECESSITY PRICE AND PRODUCTION CONTROLS. UK IN REFERRING TO LACK OF SUPPORT FOR PREVIOUS UK PROPOSAL FOR DEEP SEABED LICENSING SYSTEM PROPOSED THAT REGIME ENSURE ALL COUNTRIES ABLE TO EXPLOIT A REVENUE DISTRIBUTION FAVORING LDC'S THRU AN ORGAN OF AUTHORITY WHERE LDC'S COULD HAVE MAJORITY AND TECHNICAL TRAINING FOR LDC'S.

6. FISHERIES: MOST STATEMENTS ENDORSED BROAD COASTAL STATE JURISDICTION OVER FISHERIES. POLAND STRESSED GUARANTEED RIGHT OF ACCESS FOR FOREIGN FISHING IN ECONOMIC ZONE WHERE COASTAL STATE CANNOT TAKE TOTAL CATCH. CANADA ADDITIONALLY PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF FISHING FOR ANADROMOUS STOCKS (SALMON) BEYOND ECONOMIC ZONE, COMPREHENSIVE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY STOCKS, AND OPTIMUM UTILIZATION OF CATCH WITH ACCESS ON EQUITABLE BASIS FOR FOREIGN STATES FOR SURPLUS BEYOND CAPACITY OF COASTAL STATE. SRI LANKA ALSO ENDORSED DESIRABILITY OF FOREIGN STATE ACCESS TO SURPLUS UNTIL FULL COASTAL STATE CAPACITY TO HARVEST IS REACHED.

7. ORGANIZATION OF COMMITTEES: CHAIRMAN (ENGO, CAMEROON) COMMITTEE I ON SEABED REGIME, HAS PROPOSED TWO WEEKS OF GENERAL DEBATE BEGINNING JULY 1 WITH NO FORMAL SUB-COMMITTEES OR WORKING GROUPS THROUGH FORMAT ORGANIZATION OF WORK NOT YET ESTABLISHED. CHAIRMAN AGUILAR (VENEZUELA) COMMITTEE II ON TERRITORIAL SEA, STRAITS, FISHERIES, ECONOMIC ZONE, PROCEEDING ON INFORMAL BASIS WITH GENERAL AGREEMENT ON LIMITING GENERAL DEBATE STATEMENTS AND CONCENTRATING ON DEVELOPMENT CONCRETE TEXTS.

8. UPCOMING: TREND OF DEBATE TO DATE HAS BEEN RECOGNITION BOTH INTERDEPENDENCE VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF NEGOTIATION DEPENDING UPON PRIMARY INTERESTS OF STATES, AN NEED TO ACCOMMODATE ESSENTIAL INTERESTS OF BROAD SPECTRUM OF STATES. US PLENARY STATEMENT EXPECTED TO BE JULY 11.
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